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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12, 14, and 16 are canceled. Claims 13 and 15 remain pending in the present application. The rejections set forth in the Office Action are respectfully traversed below.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 13 – 16 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over **Naoki** (JP 9-259391). These rejections are now moot with regard to canceled claims 14 and 16. As for remaining claims 13 and 15, it is submitted that nothing in the cited prior art teaches or suggests all the features recited in the present claimed invention, as amended.

Independent claim 13 was amended to clarify that the present invention identifies the “type” of communication equipment as including either a mobile communication protocol or a Personal Handypone System (PHS) communication protocol. Such different types of communication protocols are described, for example, on page 1, lines 26-30 of the specification. Nothing in **Naoki** teaches or suggests the present claimed features for discriminating between “types” of communication equipment, based on whether they employ a mobile communication protocol or a PHS communication protocol. For at least these reasons, the present claimed invention patentably distinguishes over **Naoki**.

It should also be noted that **Naoki** was successfully overcome for similar reasons in the prosecution of the parent and other related applications. Indeed, in both the parent and other related applications (in which the undersigned attorney had an Examiner’s Interview with both Examiners Iqbal and Banks-Harold), a further reference to **Urabe** (USP 6,125,282) was relied

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upon to reject related claims. But, even if the present §102 rejections were replaced with §103 rejections relying on the combination of **Naoki** and **Urabe**, the present claimed invention is still not achieved nor rendered obvious.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, or if the Examiner wishes additional explanations of the present invention, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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